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South Pasadena Public Library

Educator News



Assignment Alert

We would appreciate knowing of any upcoming assignments in order to find materials for students visiting our Library. Please e-mail us at mwong@southpasadenaca.gov to share any upcoming assignments.

November/December 2016

The South Pasadena Public Library catalog is online.

Search for Library materials, place holds, and check your Library account at www.southpasadenaca.gov/library

Online Resources

These databases are available through the Library's website at:

www.southpasadenaca.gov/library
SIRS RESEARCHER

Provides information on current issues, including pros, cons, overviews, relevant articles and images.

SCHOLASTIC'S AMAZING ANIMALS OF THE WORLD

Geared to elementary students and higher, this resource includes basic information about hundreds of animals' sizes, diets, reproduction, habitats, and scientific classifications. It also provides authoritative web links and lesson plans.

SCHOLASTIC'S NEW BOOK OF POPULAR SCIENCE

Includes articles on science and technology for middle and high school students. It also includes authoritative web links.

TOUCAN VALLEY SOCIAL STUDIES FACT CARDS

Offers facts about California Native Americans, explorers, missions, ranchos, governors, counties, and history.

WORLD BOOK ONLINE

Features the same reliable, accessible information as the print version of the encyclopedia. It includes images and primary sources along with a dictionary and an atlas. *World Book Kids* includes activities tied to national curriculum standards.



For students who need a little help with their homework, the Library offers free online tutoring through **Tutor.com**. Between 3:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m., students in K – 12th grades can connect through the Library's website. By clicking on "Live Homework Help" from the **Library Resources—Online Resources page**, students will be connected to a tutor who will personally help them with their homework questions using online chat. Tutor.com downloadable apps are available for iOS, Android, iPod Touch, iPad, and iPhone devices.

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Noteworthy Books

- How do you get children involved in making the world a better place? Michelle Mulder's *Pocket Change: Pitching In For a Better World*, presents suggestions for how young people can get involved in their communities to increase awareness of and to work toward a more sustainable economy for all.
- "Gather 'round for a story, y'all!" Part of the World Folklore Series, *Storyteller's Sampler: Tales*

From Tellers Around The World, edited by Margaret Read MacDonald, includes short tales from thirty countries that can be used as an introduction to the study of a country. Each tale includes introductory information as well as recipes and games to include in your unit of study.

- What happens to "best friend" cousins caught up in the middle of a religious war? *The White Zone*, by Caroline

Mardsen provides a moving and enlightening account of what life is like for two young boys caught up in the dangers and the violent religious persecution in contemporary war riddled Iraq.

- *Lily and Dunkin*, by Donna Gephart, is a powerful and sensitive story of two eighth graders, a transgender person and the other with bipolar disorder, who come together in their courageous struggles to be who they are despite bullying and peer pressure.

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Check the Library's website at
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for ongoing updates regarding public library resources and events!

Maida Wong, Cindy Finder and Lisa Sternberg
Children's Librarians



Look for "Tumblebooks" on the Library's web page—Library Resources—Online Resources to access e-books for children.

Letters About Literature

24th Annual Writing Contest **READ, REFLECT, PERSUADE, WRITE, AND SEND**

Time for the Letters About Literature Contest! This annual writing contest is open to young readers in grades 4 - 12 who would like to tell an author how his/her work has changed their view of the world or of themselves. Books can be fiction or non-fiction, a poem or play. For all the details, due dates, tips for getting started, and some sample letters, visit:

www.read.gov/letters/

Children's Pajama Concert

December 6, 2016

7:15 pm—8:00 pm

(doors open at 7:00 pm)

Library Community Room

1115 El Centro Street
South Pasadena, CA



Presented by the Los Angeles
Children's Orchestra

The award-winning, nationally acclaimed Los Angeles Children's Orchestra is best known for the young age of its players (4-14), and the unusually high level of their playing. The conductor, Susan Pascale, is also founder and director of the Pascale Music Institute in South Pasadena.

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Programs

To register for Children's programs, go to the Library website and click on the Youth Programs Sign-up button.

BARKS AND BOOKS

Ages 5 to 10 years

Children's Room

Children read animal-related short stories of their choice to a special dog from the Pasadena Humane Society Companion Animal Program. Not only does this make reading more fun, it also builds a child's confidence in reading aloud. Also, the available books will help children realize that animals experience a range of emotions similar to their own and that they have basic needs too. This will, in turn, encourage them to appreciate the importance of treating all animals with respect and kindness.

Dec. 12, 2016, Jan. 13, 2017

2nd Mondays 3:00pm-4:00pm

Sign-ups required.

LEGO MANIA

All ages

Library Community Room

Sponsored by the Friends of the South Pasadena Public Library, this program is free to the public. Includes free play with Lego® blocks for children 4 years and older and with Duplos® for children 3 years and younger. Registration is required for this event. LEGO® is a trademark of the LEGO Group of companies which does not sponsor, authorize or endorse this site or program.

Dec. 17, 2016

11:00 am—12:00 pm

Sign-ups required.

FAMILY STORYTIME

All ages

Children's Room

Children's librarians read age-appropriate stories and share fingerplays, songs, flannel-board stories, music, book-related videos and crafts with children in a group setting.

Jan. 10, 2017—Mar. 7, 2017

7:15 pm—7:45 pm